
The Week Ahead 28 June – 04 July 2021

Committee and political group meetings, Brussels

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European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control. The Environment and Public Health Committee will vote on a proposal to boost the mandate of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). The aim is to equip the ECDC to better support the Commission and EU governments in areas such as epidemiological surveillance, preparedness and response planning, reporting and auditing, capacity to mobilise and deploy the EU Health Task Force as well as building a network of EU reference laboratories (*Tuesday*).

EU response to COVID-19. Members of the Environment and Public Health Committee will quiz Commission Vice-President Margaritis Schinas on the Commission's recent interim evaluation of the EU's response to the pandemic as well as on the first lessons drawn from the shortcomings in pandemic preparedness and planning (*Monday*).

Eurozone. The Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee will hold three separate hearings with ECB President Christine Lagarde, ECB Supervisory Board Chair Andrea Enria and Single Resolution Board Chairperson Elke König. Among the issues likely to be raised are risks of mass insolvencies as pandemic support is withdrawn, credit risk in the context of the COVID-19 crisis as well as banks' resilience, and the current review of the crisis management and deposit insurance framework (*Thursday*).

Artificial Intelligence in criminal law. As AI becomes more prevalent in the field of law enforcement, a draft resolution, to be voted on by the Civil Liberties Committee, stresses that it must respect principles such as non-discrimination, and that people should be in charge of making final decisions. The draft text also calls for facial recognition in law enforcement to be banned, and demands that algorithms be transparent and understandable to citizens (*Tuesday*).

Summit of Western Balkans' Speakers of Parliament. Parliament's President Sassoli has invited speakers from the parliaments of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia to meet and debate the role that parliaments should play in EU post-COVID-19 enlargement (*Monday*).

Plenary preparations. Political groups will prepare for the 5-8 July session, where MEPs will debate and vote on the Connecting Europe Facility to modernise EU transport infrastructure, guidelines for the new regulation designed to protect EU funds from being misused by EU governments who bend the rule of law, and combating online child sexual abuse. Strengthening the European Medicines Agency, LGBTI+ rights in the EU, foreign interference in the democratic process, and the EU's capacity to tackle disinformation will also be on the plenary agenda. In addition, Parliament will debate the priorities of the incoming Slovenian Council Presidency and comment on the results of the 24-25 June EU summit.

President's diary. EP President David Sassoli will take part in the Summit of Western Balkans' Speakers of Parliament. On Wednesday, he will sign the new EU Climate Law with Portuguese Minister for the Environment and Climate Action, João Pedro Matos Fernandes, and on Thursday, he will meet with the Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq, H.E.M. Mustafa AL-Kadhimi.

Press briefing. On Friday at 11:00, spokespersons from Parliament and political groups will hold a press briefing on the following week's plenary session.

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THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda

Monday 28 June 2021

15:00 Western Balkans Summit

The President's agenda

Tuesday 29 June 2021

13:15 Lunch with the European Commissioner for Justice, Mr Didier Reynders

15:00 Meeting with Mr Enrique Baron Crespo and Mr Hans-Gert Pöttering

16:00 Meeting with the EU Special Representative for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue, Mr Miroslav Lajčák

17:00 Speech at the Transatlantic Dialogue and its importance for the defense of Democracy – The role of the Parliaments (remote)

The President's agenda

Wednesday 30 June 2021

10:30 Meeting with the Chief of Italian Police, Mr Lamberto Giannini

12:00 Meeting with Staff Committee (remote)

14:30 LEX signing Climate Law

15:00 Meeting with President of the Pirate Party, Mr Ivan Bartoš

The President's agenda

Thursday 01 July 2021

10:00 Conference of Presidents

15:00 Meeting with the Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq, H.E.M. Mustafa AL-Kadhimi
- Official welcome in the PHS protocol entrance 14:55

The President's agenda

Friday 02 July 2021

12:30 Speech at the European Parliament Innovation Days

The President's agenda

Saturday 03 July 2021

12:30 Opening of the Festival per il sociale, Spoleto (remote)

PRESS CONFERENCES

“Political agreement reached EU Asylum Agency”

Tuesday 29 June 2021 15:30-16:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050

Elena YONCHEVA (S&D, BG), rapporteur

Pre-session briefing

Friday 02 July 2021 11:00-12:00

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

Committee on Foreign Affairs

Monday 28 June 2021 12:30-14:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A2

Debate

In association with the EP Standing delegations for the Western Balkans (D-AL, DSEE, D-ME, D-MK, D-RS)

- Exchange of views with the Speakers of the Western Balkans Parliaments

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Monday 28 June 2021 13:15-18:45 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

Debates

- Report back on ongoing interinstitutional negotiations. Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on health technology assessment and amending Directive 2011/24/EU* Amending Regulation (EC) No 1367/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 September 2006 on the application of the provisions of the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters to Community institutions and bodies
- General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2022 - all sections - consideration of draft opinion. Rapporteur: Pascal CANFIN (Renew, FR)
- Exchange of views with the Commission on carbon farming and presentation of the study "Operationalising an EU carbon farming initiative"
- Exchange of views with Commission Vice-President Margaritis SCHINAS on the communication on "Drawing the early lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic" (**14.45 – 16.15**)
- Commission Delegated Regulation supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/6 of the European Parliament and of the Council by establishing the criteria for the designation of antimicrobials to be reserved for the treatment of certain infections in humans (2021/2718(DEA)) - presentation by the Commission of the delegated act (**from 16.45**).
- Exchange of views with the Commission and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) on the mental health of children and adolescents post-COVID, in the presence of the European Parliament Coordinator on Children's Rights
- Announcement of the results of the vote on the amendments to the draft report on "Amending Regulation (EC) No 851/2004 establishing a European Centre for disease prevention and control" and to the draft opinion on "A European strategy for critical raw materials"

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Monday 28 June 2021 13:45-18:45 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050

- Guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States (NLE), exchange of views and consideration and adoption of working procedure - Rapporteur Lucia DURIŠ NICHOLSONOVÁ (Renew, SK)

- Joint ECON-EMPL Economic Dialogue and exchange of views on the 2021 European Semester Spring Package with Valdis DOMBROVSKIS, Executive Vice-President for An Economy that Works for People, Paolo GENTILONI, Commissioner for Economy and Nicolas SCHMIT, Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights - exchange of views (16.45 – 18.45)

Extraordinary joint meeting of Subcommittee on Security and Defence and Committee on Foreign Affairs

Monday 28 June 2021 14:00-15:00 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2

Debate

Jointly with the Committee on Foreign Affairs and in association with the Delegation for relations with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly

- Exchange of views with Mircea GEOANĂ, Deputy Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO)

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Monday 28 June 2021 14:30-16:45 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G-3

14.45 – 16.45

Jointly with the Committee on Budgets (BUDG) and the Budgetary Control Committee (CONT)

- ECA Special Report No 10/2021 "Gender mainstreaming in the EU budget: time to turn words into action" - Presentation of the special report by reporting ECA Member Eva LINDSTRÖM - In the presence of Johannes HAHN, Commissioner for Budget and Human Resources

Joint meeting: Committee on Budgets / Committee on Budgetary Control / Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

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Committee on Legal Affairs

Monday 28 June 2021 16:15-18:45 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1

Debate

- Responsible private funding of litigation (INL), Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur Axel VOSS (EPP, DE)

Hearing

- Child protection under EU law **(16.45 – 18.45)** - draft programme will be available [here](#).

Joint meeting: Committee on Employment and Social Affairs/Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

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Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Monday 28 June 2021 16:45-19:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002

Vote (from 16.45)

- Artificial intelligence in criminal law and its use by the police and judicial authorities in criminal matters (2020/2016(INI)) - Consideration and adoption of amendments. Rapporteur: Petar VITANOV (S&D, BG). *Vote on the adoption of draft report on Tuesday, 29 June at 10*

Debates

- Exchange of views on "Inhumane prison conditions (in the EU - before and during the pandemic" - Exchange of views with Didier REYNDERS, Commissioner for Justice; Michael O'FLAHERTY, Director, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA); Nils MELZER, UN Special Rapporteur on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; Jan Willem GOUDRIAAN, Secretary-General, European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU); and Susanna MARIETTI, Associazione Antigone, Italy
- Exchange of views on the situation of arrivals at the EU's closest borders with Africa, and in particular in Ceuta - Exchange of views with Ylva JOHANSSON, Commissioner for Home Affairs, and with Comisión Española de Ayuda al Refugiado (CEAR) (to be confirmed). **(18.15 – 19.00)**

Committee on Fisheries

Monday 28 June 2021 18:15-18:45 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q1

Vote

- European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (COD) - Adoption of draft recommendation for second reading - Rapporteur: Gabriel MATO (EPP, ES)

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Tuesday 29 June 2021 10:00-11:00 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

Votes

- Amending Regulation (EC) No 851/2004 establishing a European Centre for disease prevention and control (2020/0320(COD)) - adoption of draft report. Rapporteur: Joanna KOPCINSKA (ECR, PL)
- European strategy for critical raw materials (2021/2011(INI)) - adoption of draft report. Rapporteur for the opinion: Sara MATTHIEU (Greens/ALE, BE)

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Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

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Votes

- Artificial intelligence in criminal law and its use by the police and judicial authorities in criminal matters (2020/2016(INI)) - adoption of draft report. Rapporteur: Petar VITANOV (S&D, BG)
- Establishing the Asylum and Migration Fund (2018/0248(COD)) - adoption of draft recommendation for second reading. Rapporteur: Tanja FAJON (S&D, SL)
- Establishing, as part of the Integrated Border Management Fund, the instrument for financial support for border management and visa (2018/0249(COD)) - adoption of draft recommendation for second reading. Rapporteur: Tanja FAJON (S&D, SL)
- Establishing the Internal Security Fund (2018/0250(COD)) - adoption of draft recommendation for second reading. Rapporteur: Monika HOHLMEIER (EPP, DE)

Joint meeting: Committee on Budgetary Control/Committee on Budgets

Thursday 01 July 2021 09:00-09:15 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

Debate

- The creation of guidelines for the application of the general regime of conditionality for the protection of the Union budget (INI) - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteurs: Eider GARDIAZABAL RUBIAL(S&D,ES), Petri SARVAMAA (EPP,FI)

Joint meeting: Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs / Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Thursday 01 July 2021 09:00-09:45 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3

- Combating Gender based Violence: Cyber Violence (INL), consideration of draft report - Rapporteurs Elissavet VOZEMBERG-VRIONIDI (EPP, EL) and Sylwia SPUREK (Greens/EFA, PL)

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Thursday 01 July 2021 09:00-12:00 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1

Public hearings

- Christine LAGARDE, Chair of the European Systemic Risk Board (9:00 – 10:00)
- Andrea ENRIA, Chair of the Supervisory Board of the ECB (10.00 – 11.00)
- Elke KÖNIG, Chairperson of the Single Resolution Board (SRB) (11.00 – 12.00)

Committee on Foreign Affairs

Thursday 01 July 2021 09:00-18:45 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 7C050

Votes

- The Arctic: opportunities, concerns and security challenges (2020/2112(INI)) - Consideration and adoption of amendments / Adoption of draft report. Rapporteur: Anna FOTYGA (ECR, PL).
- State of EU cyber defence capabilities (2020/2256(INI)) - Consideration and adoption of amendments / Adoption of draft report. Rapporteur: Urmas PAET (Renew, ET).
- Establishing the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA III) (2018/0247(COD)) - Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations. Co-rapporteurs: Tonino PICULA (S&D, HR), Željana ZOVKO (EPP, HR)

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Thursday 01 July 2021 09:15-12:00 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G-3

9.15 – 10.00

Jointly with the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE)

- Combating Gender based Violence: Cyber Violence 2020/2035(INL) - Rapporteurs: Elissavet VOZEMBERG-VRIONIDI (EPP, EL) and Sylwia SPUREK (Green/ALE, PL)
Consideration of draft report

Joint meeting of Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Special Committee on Artificial Intelligence in a Digital Age

Thursday 01 July 2021 13:45-15:45 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050

Public hearing

- “AI and financial services” (see draft programme). In two panels, representatives from the European Commission, the European Central Bank, the European Supervisory Authorities and from the private sector and from civil society will share their views on the potential and limits of AI use in financial services, and on how to mitigate potential negative side-effects.

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Thursday 01 July 2021 13:45-15:45 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002

Debates

- Democracy at work: A European framework for employees' participation rights and the revision of the European Works Council Directive (INI) - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Gabriele BISCHOFF(S&D, DE)
- Employment and social policies of the euro area 2021 (INI) - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Lina GALVEZ MUÑOZ (S&D, ES)

Special Committee on Beating Cancer

Thursday 01 July 2021 16:15-18:45 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1

Debates

- Joint debate on: - a "Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe (INI) - the "Proposal for a regulation on health technology assessment - the "Aspen case - antitrust investigation into the pricing of certain cancer medicines"
- Exchange of views on serious cross-border threats to health repealing Decision No 1082/2013/EU

Joint meeting: Committee on Legal Affairs / Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Thursday 01 July 2021 17:06-18:45 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3

Debates

- Computerised system for communication in cross-border civil and criminal proceedings (e-CODEX system), and amending Regulation (EU)2018/1726 (2020/0345(COD)) - Consideration of draft report. Rapporteurs: Emil RADEV (EPP, BG) and Nuno MELO (EPP, PT)
- Strengthening Democracy and Media Freedom and Pluralism in the EU: the undue use of actions under civil and criminal law to silence journalists, NGOs and civil society (2021/2036(INI)) - Consideration of draft report. Rapporteurs: Tiemo WÖLKEN (S&D, DE) and Roberta METSOLA (EPP, MT)